CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A settop terminal for displaying a program guide comprising:

a tuner for receiving information from a CATV provider relating to programs/services, said information comprising a program guide, and

a system processor coupled to said tuner for filtering the information and outputting a program guide filtered according to the programs/services which the system processor is authorized to receive.

2.   The settop terminal of claim 1 wherein said settop terminal is an analog settop terminal for receiving analog information from said CATV provider relating to programs/services.

3.   The settop terminal of claim 1 wherein said settop terminal is a digital settop terminal for receiving one of analog, digital and both analog/digital information from said CATV provider relating to programs/services.

4.   The settop terminal of claim 1 wherein said system processor filters said information in response to a request by a subscriber.

5.   The settop terminal of claim 4 wherein the request is a selection of a channel containing filtered information.

6.   The settop terminal of claim 4 wherein the request is entered by an operating control member.

7.   The settop terminal of claim 6 wherein the operating control member enters the request over a wireless transmission path.

8.   A method for displaying a program guide comprising the steps of:

receiving information from a CATV provider relating to programs/services, said information including the program guide,

filtering said information, and

outputting a program guide filtered according to the programs/services which the system processor is authorized to receive.

9.   The method of claim 8 wherein said information further includes authorization data and service data.

10.   The method of claim 9 wherein authorization data and service data are compared to filter said information.

11.   The method of claim 8 wherein said information is analog information.

12.   The method of claim 8 wherein said information is analog, digital and both analog/digital information.

13.   The method of claim 8 further comprising the steps of requesting said program guide filtered according to the programs/services which the system processor is authorized to receive.

14.   The method of claim 13 wherein the request is a selection of a channel containing filtered information.

15.   The method of claim 13 wherein the request is entered by an operating control member.

16.   The method of claim 15 wherein the operating control member enters the request over a wireless transmission path.

17.   A settop terminal for displaying a program guide arranged in one of a first mode and second mode comprising:

a tuner for receiving information from a CATV provider relating to programs/services, said information comprising the program guide, being arranged in a first mode; and

a system processor coupled to said tuner for filtering the information and outputting a filtered program guide arranged in said second mode.

18.   The settop terminal of claim 17 wherein said first mode includes all available programs/services made available by said CATV provider.

19.   The settop terminal of claim 17 wherein said second mode includes only programs/services which the system processor is authorized to receive.

20.   The settop terminal of claim 17 wherein said settop terminal is an analog settop terminal for receiving analog information from said CATV provider relating to programs/services.

21.   The settop terminal of claim 17 wherein said settop terminal is a digital settop terminal for receiving analog, digital and both analog/digital information from said CATV provider relating to programs/services.

22.   The settop terminal of claim 17 wherein said system processor filters said information in response to a request by a subscriber.

23.   The method of claim 22 wherein the request is a selection of a channel containing filtered information.

24.   The method of claim 22 wherein the request is entered by an operating control member.

25.   The method of claim 23 wherein the operating control member enters the request over a wireless transmission path.